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Remarks

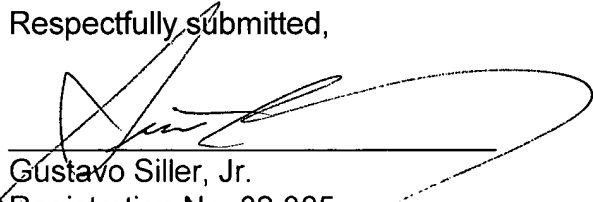
Restriction/Election

Pursuant to the election/restriction requirement set by the Examiner, Applicants have herein elected Claims 1 - 6 and 16 - 17 which are drawn to a thin film magnetic head. Applicants submit that Claims 1 - 6 and 16 - 17 are directed to a single patentably distinct invention and has accordingly elected the corresponding Group I of claims, as required by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Therefore, in view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested. If for any reason, however, the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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